

How We Protect Your Rights, Privacy, and Safety

Safe Disposal, Less Misuse: How to Dispose of Your Medication Safely

When old prescriptions sit in our cabinets, they pose a risk of accidental ingestion or misuse—especially by children, teens, or even pets. Flushing them or tossing them in the trash can also contaminate our water supply and harm wildlife. By properly disposing of medications, you're protecting your loved ones, your community, and the environment from:

- Poisoning
- Misuse
- Overdose

It's a simple step that makes a big difference.

Learn more at www.fda.gov/consumers/consumer-updates/where-and-how-dispose-unused-medicines#steps.



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Option 1: Contaminate and throw away

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
			
Mix with an unappealing substance.	Place in a sealed container.	Throw into household trash.	Scratch out personal information.

Option 2: Bring unused or expired medications to an approved collection site. There are thousands of permanent drug disposal boxes located throughout the country. To find a nearby location, visit **[safe.pharmacy/drug-disposal](#)** by scanning the QR code here. >

Option 3: Check with your local waste collection service and police department to see if they host drug disposal events.



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